



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
PHILADELPHIA

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# **Budget Priorities for the 2021-22 School Year: Survey Results**

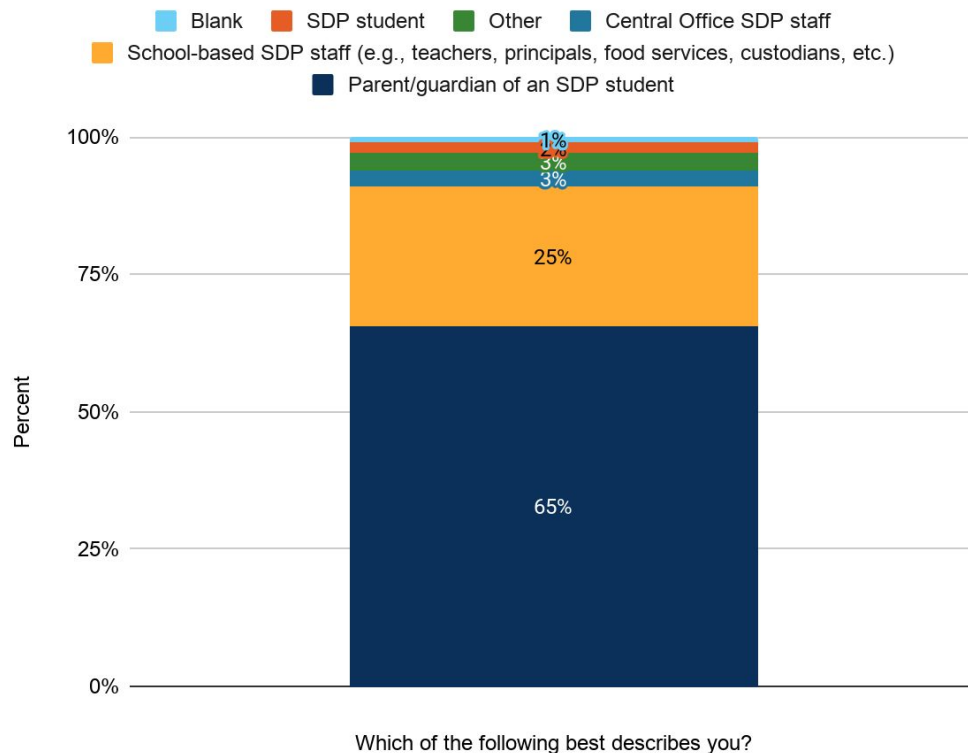
# Survey Background and Overview

- The survey opened on April 8, 2021 and closed on April 19, 2021.
- It was available in nine languages in addition to English: Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, French, Khmer, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- The survey asked respondents for feedback on what supports should be prioritized in the budget for the 2021-22 school year.
- Respondents ranked, from most to least important, lists of supports for student learning recovery, approaches to school building maintenance, and supports for helping students with social-emotional needs.

**Who responded to the survey?**

# Of the 12,266 survey responses....

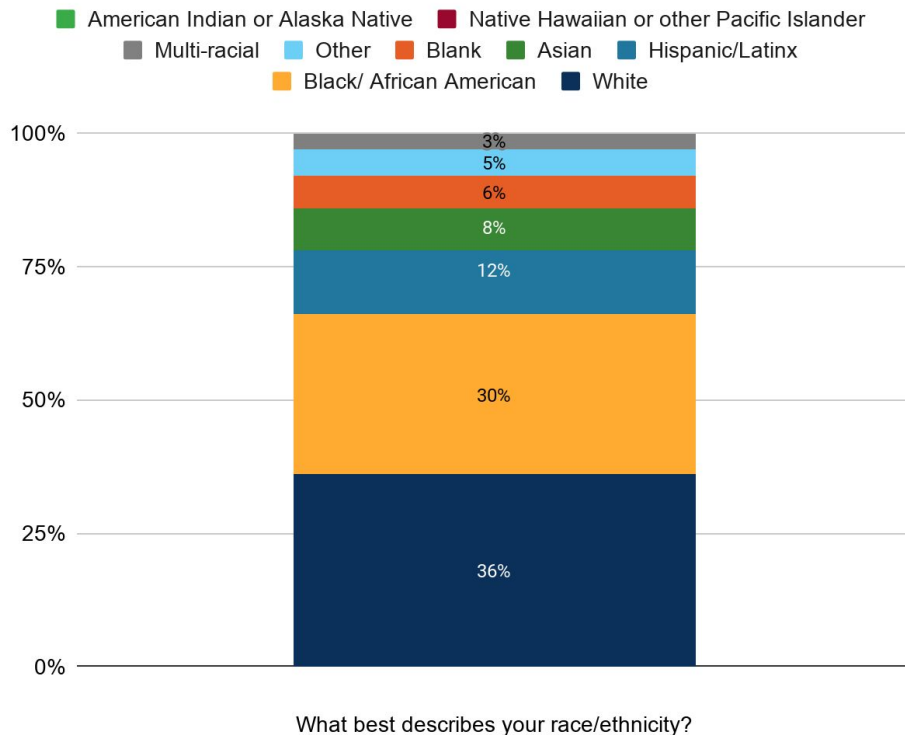
- About two thirds (65%) were from **parents/guardians** of SDP students, and about a quarter (25%) were from **school-based SDP staff**.
- The rest of the respondents were **Central Office staff** (3%), **Other** (3%), or **SDP students** (2%).



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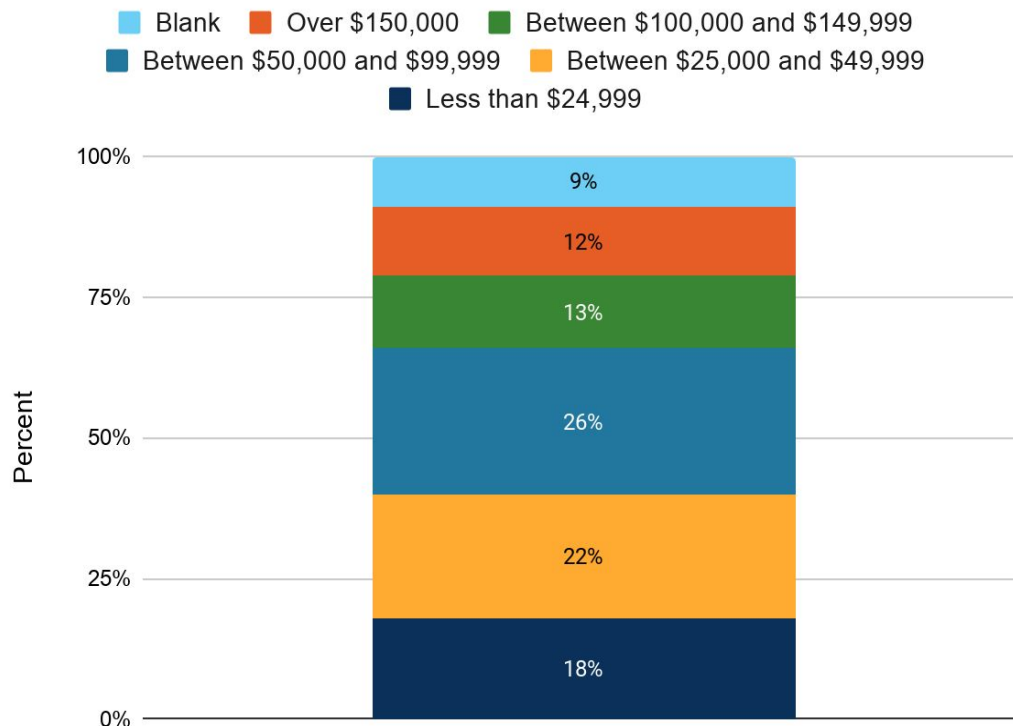
Over a third (36%) were white, 30% were Black/African American, 12% were Hispanic/Latinx, 8% were Asian, 5% were Other, and 3% were Multi-racial.



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About a quarter of respondents reported earning \$25,000-49,999, and another quarter said they make \$50,000-99,999.

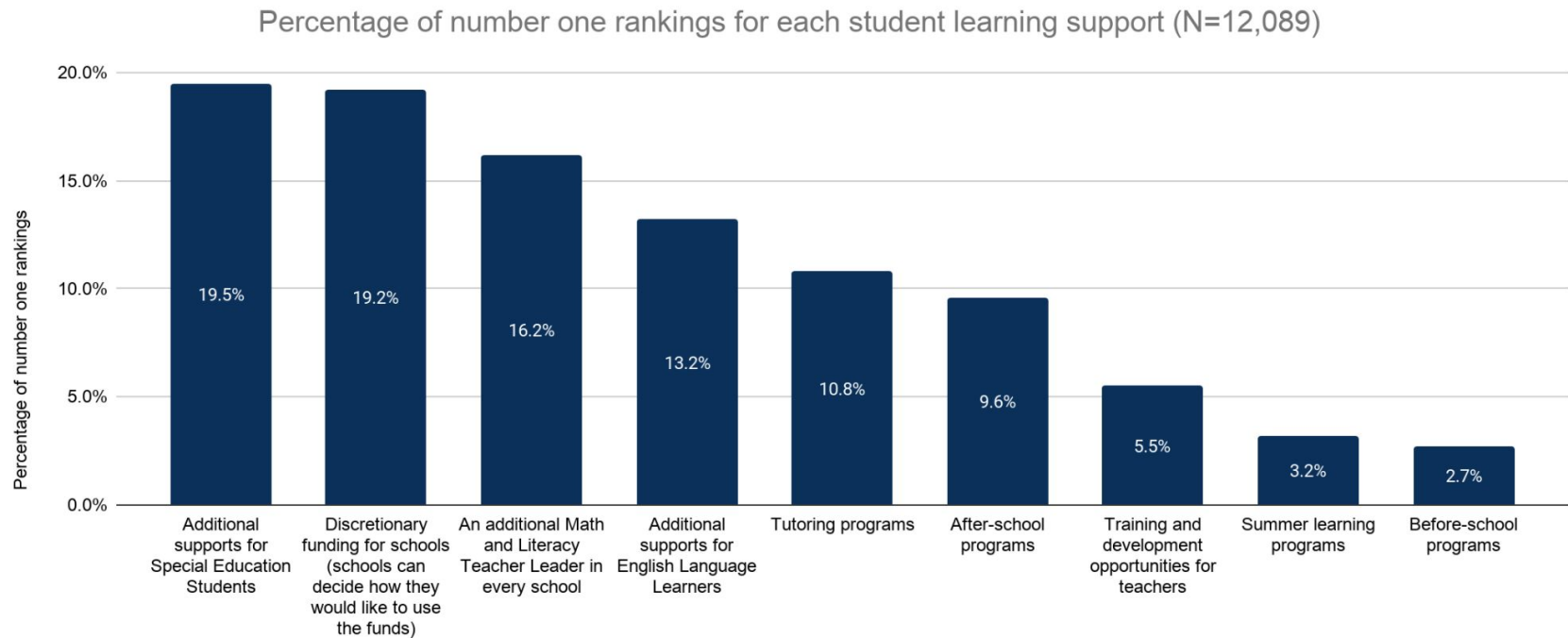


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What best describes your annual household income?

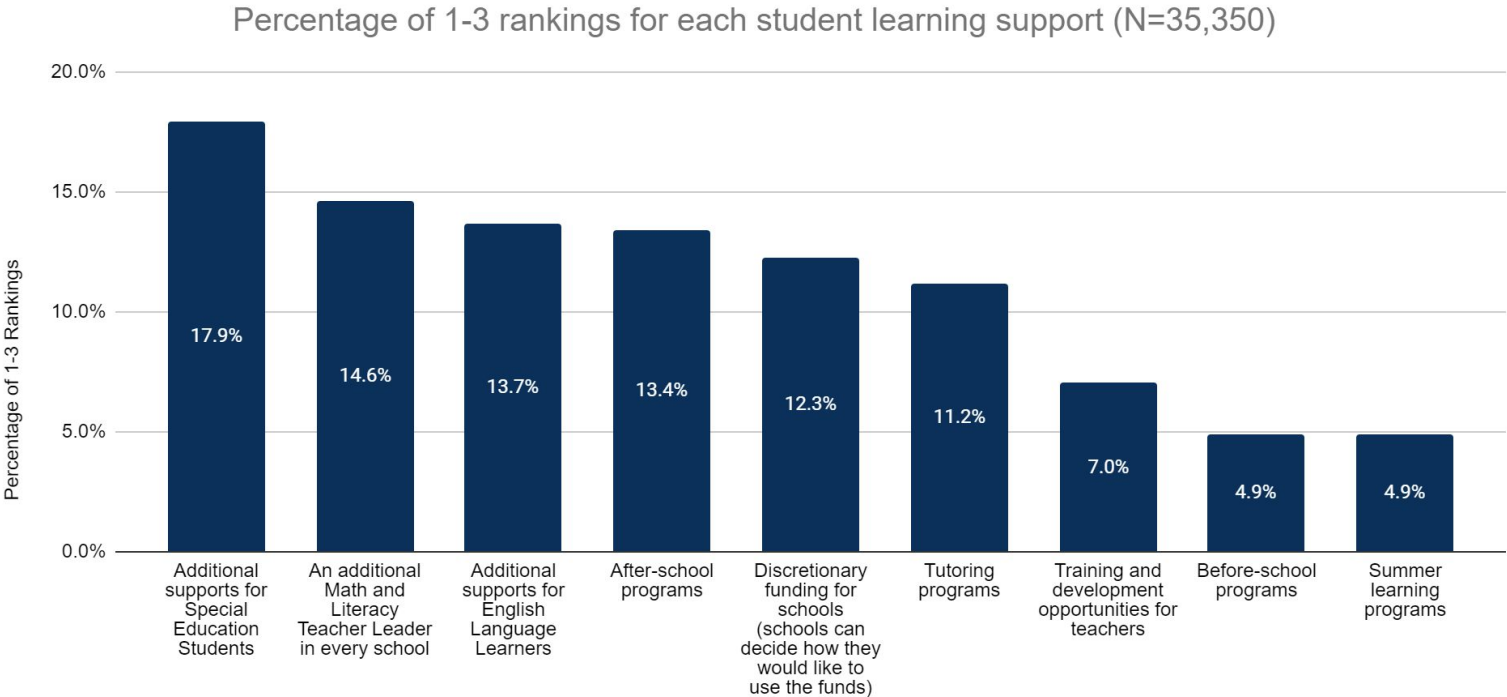
**What were the top-ranked supports for student learning?**

# Additional supports for Special Education students and Discretionary funding for schools received the most #1 rankings



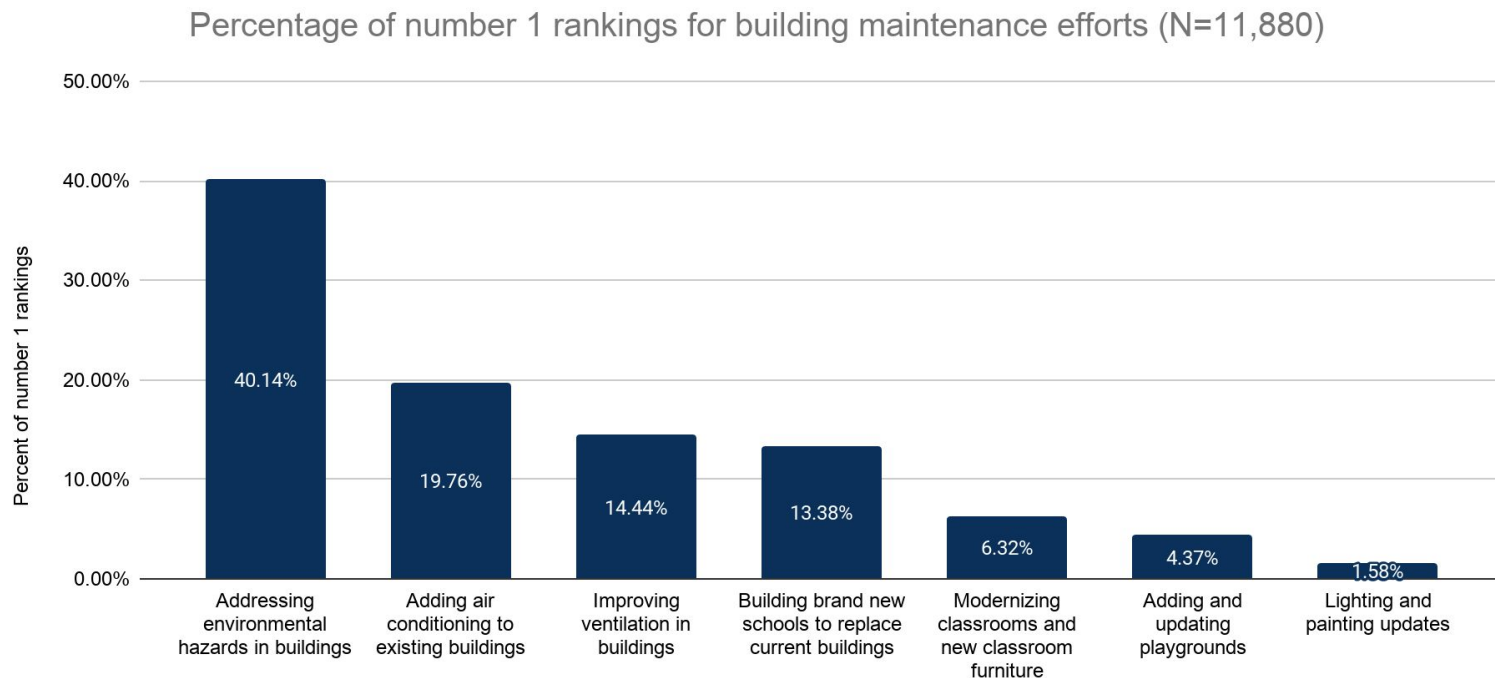


# Additional supports for Special Education students received the the most 1-3 rankings

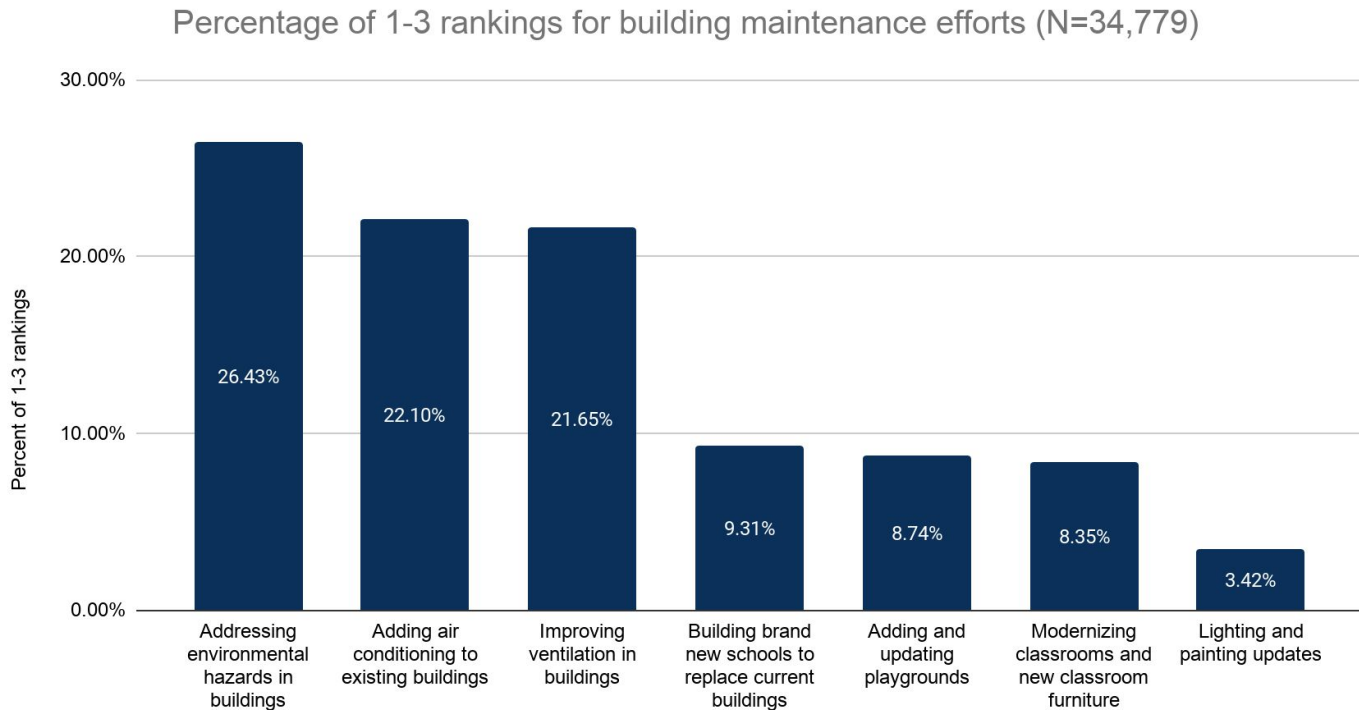


**What were the top-ranked approaches for building maintenance ?**

# Addressing environmental hazards in buildings received the most #1 rankings

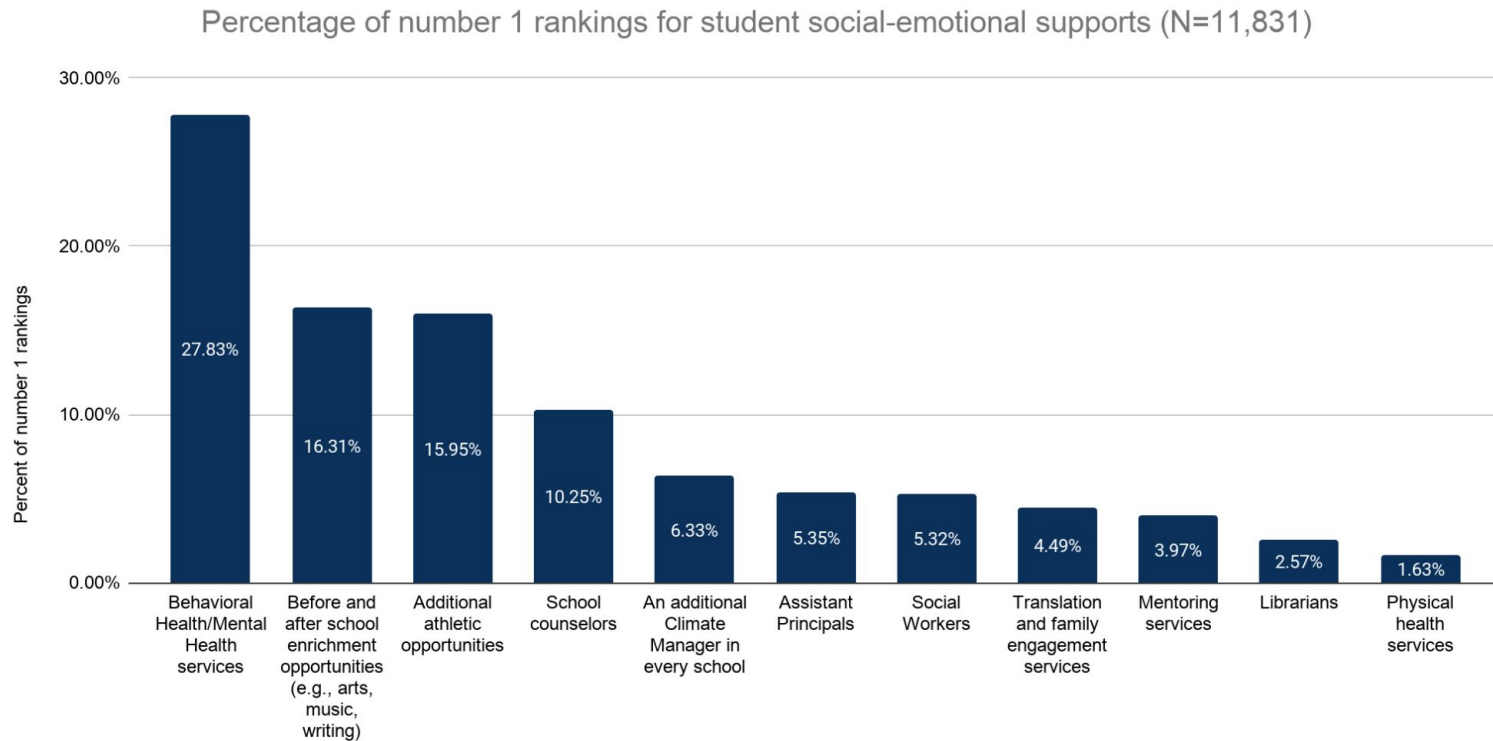


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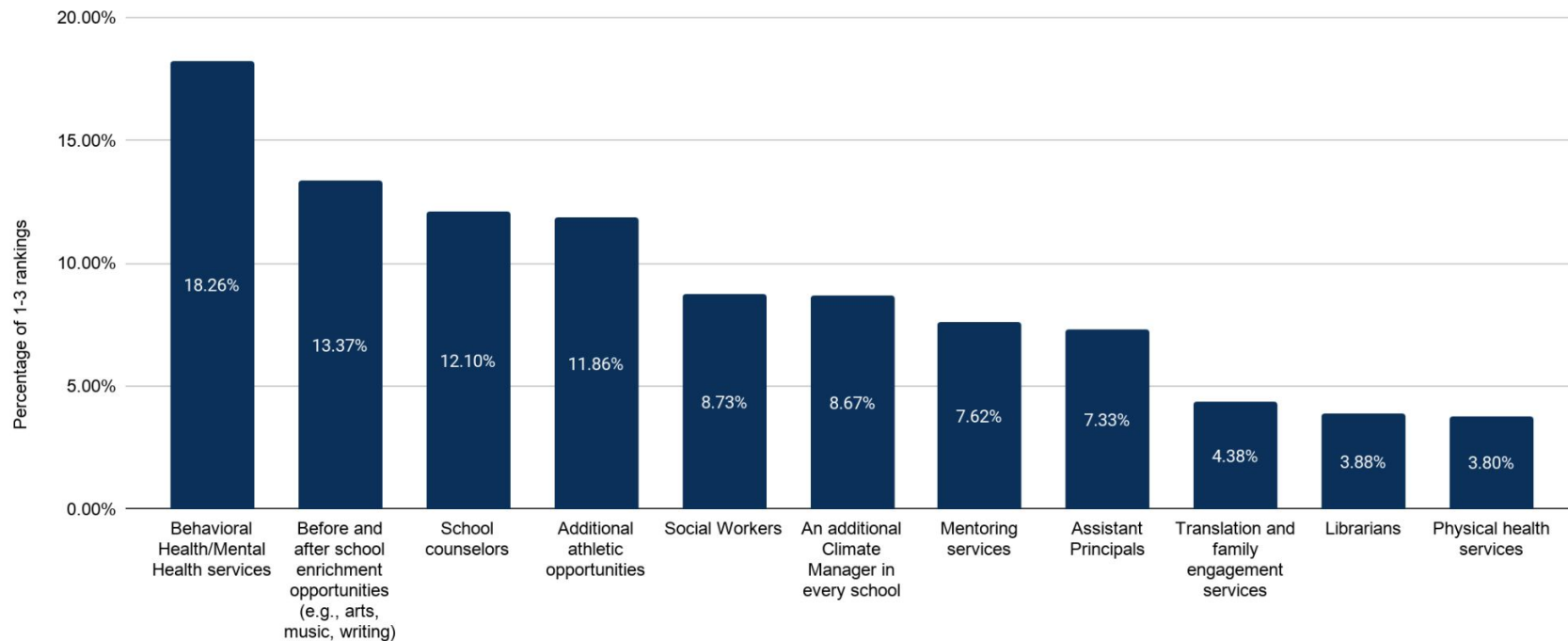
**What were the top-ranked supports for student social-emotional needs?**

# Behavioral health/mental health services received the most #1 rankings



# Behavioral health/mental health services received the most 1-3 rankings

Percentage of 1-3 rankings for student social-emotional supports (N=34,881)



# **There were two open ended questions and 4,684 respondents left feedback to one or both questions**

- Click [here](#) for responses to the first open-ended question: “Are there other priorities, not listed above, that SDP should consider when finalizing the budget?”
- Click [here](#) for responses to the second open-ended question: “What additional information about the budget process would you like to see shared with the public?”



# Conclusions

The top three **student learning supports** ranked as most important:

- Additional supports for Special Education Students
- Discretionary funding for schools (schools can decide how they would like to use the funds)
- An additional Math and Literacy Teacher Leader in every school

The top three **building maintenance issues** ranked as most important:

- Addressing environmental hazards
- Installing air conditioning in buildings
- Improving ventilation in buildings

The top three **student social-emotional needs** ranked as most important:

- Behavioral/mental health services
- Before and after school enrichment opportunities
- Additional athletic opportunities